

# Health News Release

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#### State disciplines health care providers

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

#### **Benton County**

In January 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Phiengchai P.** Sisouvanh, also known as Phiengchai Sisouvanh Synhavong, (NC10089395) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of aggravated murder.

# **Clallam County**

In January 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Sandra Lavoie Christie** (RN00055594) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly reported for work appearing impaired, was sent home, and did not return to her job.

# **Clark County**

In February 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program released registered nursing assistant **Diana M. Bjork** (NA60140068) from terms and conditions set against her registration.

In February 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Marcy C. Harris** (RN00154541) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly diverted narcotics from her place of employment for her own use, forged names of other staff members, created false documentation of patient orders of the narcotic, and altered a report submitted by a physician without the

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physician's knowledge. In 2009 her license to practice as a registered nurse in Oregon was placed on probation.

# **Grant County**

In January 2011, after a hearing, the Nursing Assistant Program granted the reinstatement application of certified nursing assistant **Judy Ann Adair** (NC10042216) and placed her certification on probation for two years. In 2007 she was convicted of two counts of assault, resisting arrest, and physical control of a vehicle while under the influence. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In January 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program released certified nursing assistant **Kayelynn L. Joachims** (NC60066070) from terms and conditions set against her certification.

In February 2011 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Ember Long-Anderson** (LP60042174) with unprofessional conduct. In April 2010 she was convicted of possession stolen property in the second degree — access device. In November 2010 her certification to practice as a nursing assistant was suspended.

## **King County**

In January 2011 the Medical Commission terminated the order of probation against physician **John R. Brinkley** (MD00014634). Dr. Brinkley's license is unrestricted in Washington.

In January 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Pa Matarr Drammeh** (NA00198183) with unprofessional conduct. He was arrested on the suspicion of theft and entered into a deferred prosecution agreement and admitted to the actions that were the basis of the arrest.

In January 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Asnakech T. Ejeta** (NA00199313) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly neglected and mentally abused a physically disabled adult patient by leaving the patient in a locked room sitting in feces for two hours.

In January 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Nola Harb** (NA60072421) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In February 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Amy E. Peterson** (NC60199177) and placed her certification on probation for five years. Her registration to practice as a nursing assistant was placed on probation. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In January 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Samuel Daeronne Wells** (CO60174864) and placed his certification on probation for three years. He was convicted of three class C felonies, two class B felonies, criminal trespassing, theft on more than one occasion, receiving stolen property,

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assault, and VUCSA — possession of cocaine. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

# **Kitsap County**

In January 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Carolyn Rae Bjorkheim** (CO60197879) and placed conditions against her certification. She entered into an agreed order against her registration to practice as a nursing assistant. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In January 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program modified the agreed order against registered nursing assistant **Misty Angel Zuniga** (NA60190610). She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

## **Pierce County**

In February 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Denamarie Fawn Saltz** (NC10019623) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her credential.

# **Skagit County**

In January 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Thomas C. Hopper** (NA60174721) with unprofessional conduct. Allegedly, on one or more occasions, he made cash withdrawals for his own personal use from a patient's credit card without permission.

## **Snohomish County**

In January 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Ousman Manneh** (NA60156585) with unprofessional conduct. He was arrested on the suspicion of theft, entered into a voluntary stay of proceedings on the arrest, and admitted the actions that were the basis of the arrest.

# **Spokane County**

In January 2011 the Unlicensed Practice Program issued a notice of intent to issue cease and desist order to **Takisha McGaugan**. She allegedly represented herself as a licensed physician assistant, assessed a patient, diagnosed the patient, and qualified the patient to possess usable marijuana. She is not licensed to practice medicine in Washington.

#### **Thurston County**

In January 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Manuela P. Hines** (NC10068793) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly took drugs from her place of employment and tested positive for the drugs in a urinalysis.

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In February 2011 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System Program charged emergency medical technician **Jerry Dale Kessler** (ES60089093) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against his credential.

# **Whatcom County**

In February 2011 the Licensed Mental Health Counselor Program granted the application of **Barry Mark Glatt** (LH60173675) and placed his license on probation for three years and placed restrictions on his license for three years. While holding a registered counselor credential he received complaints against his counseling in domestic violence cases. The registered counselor program was abolished before disciplinary charges were placed against his registration. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

## Yakima County

In January 2011 the Agency Affiliated Counselor Program granted the application of **Jesse S. Bladow** (CG60173536) and placed his credential on probation for two years. He was convicted of minor in possession or consumption of liquor, driving under the influence, and aiming/discharging a firearm. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

#### **Out of State**

**Colorado:** In February 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the certification of certified nursing assistant **Andrew T. Davie** (NC10101755) and placed conditions against his certification.

**Oregon:** In January 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program terminated the order of probation against chemical dependency professional **Julee A. Mutch** (CP60042252).

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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